



# YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE

## SPRING 2015 YSEALI PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

*Theme: Legislative Process and Governance (May – June)*

**Deadline for Applications: December 1, 2014**



You are invited to apply to the [Young Southeast Asia Leaders Initiative \(YSEALI\) Professional Fellows Program](#), which will **focus on legislative processes and governance** at the state and local levels for young political, policy, and civil society leaders in ASEAN countries. The program goal is to create institutionalized long-term partnerships that support emerging leaders and their institutions and the United States to inspire change in creating responsive, open, and accountable governance.

This **YSEALI Professional Fellows Program** is a professional development exchange program for the best and brightest community leaders from ASEAN, working in the fields of civic engagement, NGO management, economic empowerment, governance, legislative process, environmental and natural resources management. The YSEALI Professional Fellows Program provides participants a month-long fellowship at U.S.-based non-profit or other organizations, government offices or legislative bodies. Fellows will work with community leaders to enhance their practical expertise, leadership skills and professional contacts to address issues in their home communities. The YSEALI Professional Fellows Program is part of the broader [Professional Fellows exchange program](#).

The program helps to create opportunities for emerging leaders in Southeast Asia to explore common concerns and challenges, share expertise, and develop capacity to encourage and enhance citizen participation and responsibility in promoting good governance and economic growth and stability. The spring 2015 program will run between May and June 2015.

### **Program participants MUST:**

- Be community leaders, ages 25-35, currently employed and with at least two years of professional experience at the time of application;
- Have a track record of making an impact in their community, institution or company;
- Be proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application;
- Be a citizen of, and currently residing in, one of the ten ASEAN member nations.

### **There are two YSEALI Professional Fellows programs, and you can apply online to the one that best fits you:**

- American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) YSEALI Professional Fellows is suited for a broad variety of leaders including community activists, NGO workers, state and federal government employees and other civic leaders. Apply on the website: <http://acypl.org/exchanges/2015-professional-fellows-program/>
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA) YSEALI Professional Fellow is for city managers and employees. Apply on the website: [http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge\\_network/documents/kn/Document/304396/Professional\\_Fellows\\_Program\\_FAQs\\_and\\_Application](http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/304396/Professional_Fellows_Program_FAQs_and_Application)

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